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May 12, 2003

Mr. Randal Gilliam
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

RE: Complaint of Ben Lomand Communications, Inc. Against Citizens
Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC.
Docket No. 02-01221

Dear Mr. Gilliam:

This will follow up on your letter of May 5, 2003 and our telephone conference last Thursday, May 8 with Don Baltimore, counsel for Ben Lomand Communications, Inc. ("BLC"). Our firm represents Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC ("Citizens") in the above referenced action.

First, this letter confirms that Citizens has no objection to your serving as hearing officer in the above referenced matter.

Secondly, this letter also confirms our agreement to schedule a status conference for this case on Tuesday, June 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the Tennessee Regulatory Authority. It is my understanding that you will forebear until that time from taking any action on the various motions and other pleadings which have been filed in this matter.

Should you have any questions or require anything further at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Guilford F. Thornton, Jr.

cc: H. LaDon Baltimore
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Gregg Sayre